# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** March 22, 2011

**TO:** Senate Finance Chairs

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**RE:** Repeal e-NC Sunset

Senate Bill 91 (Second Edition)

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Yes (x) No ( ) No Estimate Available ( )

FY 2011-12 FY 2012-13 FY 2013-14 FY 2014-15 FY 2015-16

**REVENUES:** 

**EXPENDITURES:** \*See assumptions & methodology. Impact up to \$442,035\*

POSITIONS (cumulative):

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Commerce State-Aid

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** When the bill becomes law

#### **BILL SUMMARY:**

SB 91 extends the sunset for the e-NC Authority from December 31, 2011 to June 30, 2015.

#### **ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

For FY 2011- 12, the e-NC Authority has a recurring General Fund appropriation through the Commerce State-Aid budget of \$442,035. If e-NC was eliminated as of December 31, 2011, then only half a year of funding would be required and no future funds would be needed. Thus, if e-NC sunset on December 31, 2011, there would be a savings to the State of \$221,017 in the first year and \$442,035 each year thereafter.

The extension of the sunset means that funds could still be appropriated to support the operations of e-NC through June 30, 2015, at which point funding could be eliminated. The amount of funding required by e-NC was originally established as \$500,000 annually for administration and operating. In recent years, that amount has been reduced to \$442,035 and could be subject to future reductions.

Thus, the impact of extending the e-NC Authority's sunset is variable depending on what level of funding the General Assembly determines is necessary. It would presumably be in the range of \$0 to \$442,035 annually.

#### **SOURCES OF DATA:**

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None**